Refrigerating machine of DMS in Parliament House Annexe

372. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that refrigerating machine installed by the Delhi Milk Scheme in Parliament House Annexe generally remains out of order resulting in damage to commodities stored therein;

(b) if so, what loss has been suffered by DMS on this account during the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. However, the machine being old, whenever defects in the Refrigerating Machine have been brought to notice, they have been attended to by the Dairy Engineering staff promptly.

(b) The defects in the Refrigerating Machine leads to the melting/softening of the ice-cream, which is being purchased from M/s. Kwality Icecream. In such cases, the Company have replaced the ice-cream free of cost. Other products stored therein like yoghurt, flavoured milk and milkshake take a longer time to spoil and therefore, the losses to Delhi Milk Scheme on this account have been nominal.

(c) The Delhi Milk Scheme has decided to replace the Refrigerating Machine.

Press Information Bureau Offices in Tamil Nadu

373. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cities like Vellore, Tanjore, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Tirunelveli and Salem in Tamil Nadu have not been provided with P.I.B. Offices; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to open PIB Offices at any of the places mentioned in the question. PIB has offices at Madras and Madurai for meeting the requirements of the Press in the whole of Tamil Nadu.

Regularsation of production assistance in Madras AIR

374. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government are aware that more than twenty casual production assistants in the All India Radio, Madras have not been regularised so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): Some casual artists have sought regularisation in All India Radio, Madras. They have not been regularised because they do not fulfil the conditions laid down for such a regularisation.

Merger of Song and Drama and Field Publicity Divisions

375. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to merge Song and Drama Division and the Field Publicity Division;